

Dear FCCI am a licensed Amateur Radio Operator (Call sign K4YYX) writing in opposition to the deployment of Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) technology.

I have been licensed since the late 1950s, and have been active for most of that time. I have noticed an increased level of interference, no doubt due to improved technology, and increased "sharing" of the electronic spectrum. It seems apparent to me the proposed implementation of BPL will increase the level of interference in the "short wave" portion of the spectrum significantly.

Others who have filed comments, particularly the Amateur Radio Relay League, have documented the levels of interference currently experienced in the test areas. If the test implementations, presumably done under strict supervision and control, are able to generate the level of interference demonstrated by the ARRL and others, just think what levels are to be expected if BPL is implemented nationwide with regular power company personnel largely untrained in the technology.

Just today I received a flyer from the United Power Line Council announcing their 2003 Annual Conference. The flyer may be accessed at their web site: www.BPLconference.org. Many of the sessions deal with how the power companies can use BPL as a profit center. In light of the problems experienced just last week and the ongoing problems encountered when power companies such as ENRON and Montana Power have when they branch out into other non power related activities, it seems to me they should not be in the communications or Internet Service Provider business, but in the business of providing safe reliable power.

Thank you for allowing me to express my comments.

Sincerely,

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